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SUBJ: PRESS REACTIONS TO LOCKHEED REVELATIONS

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1. COVERAGE: THE LOCKHEED STORY DOMINATED THE FRONT PAGES OF TOKYO'S FIVER MAJOR DAILIES OF FEB 6 A.M. WHILE FEB 5 COVERAGE WAS CONFINED MOSTLY TO WIRE SERVICE DISPATCHES FROM WASHINGTON, TODAY'S WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE WAS SUPPLEMENTED AND EXPANDED BY LOCALLY-ORIGINATED BACKGROUND PIECES AND BY REPORTS FROM VARIOUS PAPERS' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS. BROADCAST COVERAGE HAS BEEN EQUALLY HEAVY, ESPECIALLY NHK'S, WHICH DEVOTED LION'S SHARE OF FEB 5 EVENING PRIMETIME NEWS COVERAGE TO LOCKHEED STORY AND ITS BACKGROUND. MAIN AREAS OF COVERAGE BY ALL MEDIA ESSENTIALLY SAME.

2. MAIN LINES OF COVERAGE: ALL MEDIA FOCUS ON KODAMA YOSHIO'S RECEIPT OF OVER \$7 MILLION FROM LOCKHEED AS "LOCAL AGENT" AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLAY UP HIS BACKGROUND AS UNSAVORY, ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE POWER IN

BEHIND-THE-SCENES POLITICS. NHK-TV HAS RUN PHOTOCOPIES OF PUR-  
PORTED KODAMA AND MARUBENI RECEIPTS FOR LOCKHEED PAYMENTS.  
YOMIURI FRONT-PAGED REPORTS OF KODAMA ACTING AS INTERMEDIARY  
FOR F-104 SALES FROM 1958 ON. ASAHI AND YOMIURI STRESSED  
SCANDAL'S EFFECTS ON JAPANESE POLITICAL SITUATION, ESPECIALLY ON  
FORTHCOMING DIET DISSOLUTION AND ELECTIONS. YOMIURI QUOTED  
GOVERNMENT SOURCE AS SAYING, "PROBLEM WILL DEAL A SERIOUS  
BLOW TO THE MIKI CABINET, WHOSE KEYNOTE IS CLEAN POLITICS."

3. ALL PAPERS COVERED OPPOSITION PARTIES' ANNOUNCEMENTS OF  
SPECIAL STEPS BEING TAKEN TO INITIATE INVESTIGATION OF AFFAIR  
IN DIET. ASAHI REPORTED JSP WILL DECIDE TODAY ON SENDING  
INVESTIGATIVE MISSION TO U.S.; CGP (KOMEI) WILL SET UP SPECIAL  
INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE TODAY; JCP PLANS INVESTIGATION BY ITS  
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AND MAY SET UP SPECIAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE  
LATER. ALL PAPERS REPORT OPPOSITION PARTIES PLANNING TO PRESS  
GOVERNMENT ON LOCKHEED IN TODAY'S LOWER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE  
SESSION.

4. ASAHI AND YOMIURI HEADLINE STATEMENTS BY CHIEF CABINET  
SECRETARY IDE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON NEED TO CONFIRM  
CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE'S FINDINGS, COLLECT INFORMATION AND STUDY  
CHARGES. YOMIURI REPORTS MFA HAS REQUESTED WASHINGTON EMBASSY  
SUPPLY FULL TEXTS OF SUBCOMMITTEE TESTIMONY ASAP.

5. BOTH ASAHI PAGE 2 PIECE AND NHK EVENING NEWS RAN OCT 1975  
DIET INTERPELLATION STATEMENTS BY JSP'S NARASAKI WHICH LINKED  
LOCKHEED PAYMENTS IN JAPAN AND ELSEWHERE TO NIXON-TANAKA  
SEPT 1972 HAWAII AGREEMENTS ON CIVIL AIRCRAFT PURCHASES.  
NARASAKI STATEMENTS NOTED 1972 ELECTIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES  
AND SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN DONATIONS  
BEING CONNECTED TO LOCKHEED SALES.

6. ONLY MENTION SO FAR OF AMBASSADOR HODGSON'S FORMER POSITION  
IN LOCKHEED CORP IN JAPANESE-LANGUAGE PRESS WAS SHORT  
ASAHI PAGE TWO ARTICLE REPORTING EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAYING  
AMBASSADOR "COMPLETELY UNCONNECTED" WITH THE INCIDENT.

7. EDITORIALS: ASAHI, MAINICHI AND YOMIURI FEB 6 A.M.  
EDITIONS RAN SIMILAR EDITORIALS ALL URGING DIET TO INITIATE  
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PROMPT, THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF LOCKHEED REVELATIONS.

8. OPPOSITION PARTY TRAVEL: WE UNDERSTAND THAT A THREE-MAN  
CGP (KOMEI) DELEGATION HEADED BY UPPER HOUSE MEMBER AKIRA  
KUROYANAGI WILL LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON FEB 6. (THEY HAVE NOT  
ASKED FOR WASHINGTON ASSISTANCE) THE GROUP INTENDS TO  
PURSUE THE LOCKHEED MATTER WITH SENATORS CHURCH, PERCY, SYMINGTON.  
DSP LOWER HOUSE MEMBER EIICHI NAGASUE IS RUMORED TO BE LEAVING

FOR WASHINGTON FEB 8 ON THE SAME BUSINESS. JSP IS  
SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS DISPATCHING A MISSION LATE AFTERNOON  
OF FEB 6, BUT, GIVEN PLANS OF THE OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES,  
A MISSION TO THE U.S. SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN.

9. DESPITE SPECULATION ABOUT POSSIBLE LINKS TO LDP POLITICIANS,  
THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION IN PRESS OF LINKS TO PM MIKI.  
WHETHER THE STORY WILL CONTINUE TO DOMINATE THE HEADLINES  
WILL DEPEND IMPORTANTLY ON POSSIBLE FURTHER WASHINGTON  
REVELATIONS OR ON INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE MEDIA HERE  
IMPLICATING PROMINENT LDP POLITICIANS. WE EXPECT LOCKHEED  
WILL CONTINUE MAIN SUBJECT OF NEXT LOWER HOUSE BUDGET  
COMMITTEE SESSION ON FEB 10.  
HODGSON

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